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1. EDITORIAL MENTIONED REFS A AND B MOST LIKELY REFERS TO DEFMIN ISIK'S STATEMENT ON MAY 5 DURING SENATE DEBATES ON DEFENSE MINISTRY BUDGET. ACCORDING TO TURKISH PRESS, ISIK SAID GREECE WAS CONSTANTLY ARMING AND ADDED:

QUOTE WE NOTICE THAT NOT MUCH ATTENTION IS BEING PAID TO THE FORCE BALANCE IN THE ALLIANCE WE BELONG TO. IN MY OPINION, IT IS A STRANGE SITUATION. I BELIEVE THAT THE BALANCE OF FORCES WITHIN ALLIANCES IS ALSO IMPORTANT. CERTAINLY AN APPETITE FOR ARMAMENT SHOULD NOT BE WHETTED AMONG ALLIES. WE WILL TRY TO ELIMINATE THE FACTORS WHICH PROVOKE THIS RACE. UNQUOTE.

2. WHILE ISIK'S STATEMENT CLOSELY PARALLELED HIS PREVIOUSLY UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTED REMARKS ON SAME SUBJECT (REF C), MAY 6

CUMHURİYET CARRIED BANNER HEADLINE READING: "HASAN
ISIK CRITICIZED NATO'S STAND". WHILE MILLİYET HEADLINE
READ "ISIK WARNED NATO REGARDING GREECE".

3. ISIK'S OBSERVATIONS WERE NOT ADDRESSED
TO NATO AND DID NOT, IN OUR VIEW, SUPPORT INTERPRETATION
PLACED ON THEM BY HEADLINE WRITERS OF TWO TURKISH PAPERS.
WE WOULD SUSPECT THESSALONIKI EDITORIAL WRITER MIGHT
HAVE HAD REPORT BASED ON TURKISH PAPERS' PLAY OF STORY.
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